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Dear Mr Attorney General:

It seems like only yesterday you were in the United States Senate and we both lived on Justice Court across from the Hart Senate Building. I was a staffer then for Senator Stevens of Alaska. Unable to chat going and coming from work now, I am writing this letter instead.

I am one of the many Americans who believe that the antitrust case against Microsoft should have never been initiated or brought to trial. However, now that Microsoft has accepted the settlement in this case, I trust you will continue to support the settlement and end this case.

In my view the settlement creates more openness and competition in the IT industry by giving competitors greater access to Microsoft designs and codes. Microsoft's disclosures to competitors under this settlement are unprecedented. Nevertheless, anti-Microsoft forces may try to derail the settlement and have the base brought back to trial. Considering the expense and unfairness of this case from beginning, I hope you won't allow this to happen and will see the settlement completed.

Again, I ask that you do your best to end the federal case against Microsoft.

With best wishes and congratulations for the fine job you are doing with the President.

  
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